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ITEM NO: 1

DATE: 27 SEPTEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: POLITICAL SITUATION IN LISBON

REF : VARIOUS PRESS, 27 SEPT 74, UNCLAS

PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT SPINOLA'S APPEARANCE AT A BULLFIGHT IN LISBON LAST NIGHT DID NOT PRECIPITATE ANY MAJOR INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE AS HAD BEEN FEARED. SPINOLA RECEIVED A LONG OVATION DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY AND AT INTERMISSION. THE CROWD APPARENTLY WAS IN AN UGLY MOOD, AND THERE WERE SEVERAL SHOUTING MATCHES BETWEEN PARTISANS OF THE LEFT AND RIGHT. AFTER THE PERFORMANCE, RIGHTISTS OUTSIDE SHOUTED "DEATH TO CUNHAL" (HEAD OF THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY) WHILE LEFTISTS REPLIED WITH "DEATH TO SPINOLA." THERE WAS SOME BUMBSCUFFLING BUT POLICE SEPARATED THE FACTIONS.

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CROWDS MAY BE MORE DIFFICULT TO CONTROL AT THE MAJOR RALLY IN SUPPORT OF SPINOLA SET FOR TOMORROW. PRO-SPINOLA ORGANIZERS SAY 300,000 PEOPLE WILL GATHER IN FRONT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. OTHER SOURCES SAY THAT THAT FIGURE IS GREATLY EXAGGERATED BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS OF ORGANIZATION. COMMUNISTS, SOCIALISTS, AND OTHER LEFTWING GROUPS HAVE CONDEMNED THE RALLY. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS VOTED TO BAN THE RALLY, AND ASKED SPINOLA TO HALT THE DEMONSTRATION. SPINOLA REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT ASKED FOR THE RALLY, AND THEREFORE WAS NOT GOING TO STOP IT. E-2 IMPDET.H

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